



## Arizona Department of Public Safety

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# Violent Criminal Apprehension Team arrests **250** fugitives since late May of 2008

*16 fugitives arrested last week*

*330 felony warrants cleared*

On May 12, 2008, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) was directed to develop a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional statewide plan to identify and arrest individuals with outstanding felony warrants. This statewide effort is known as the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team (VCAT).

So far, VCAT efforts have resulted in the arrests of **250** fugitives, including 16 last week. A total of 330 felony warrants have been cleared. Some of those arrested last week include:

**David Herriges** was arrested for a felony warrant out of Maricopa County Superior Court for Probation Violation on Molestation of a Child charges. Herriges admitted to touching children in the bathrooms while attending church in the city of Avondale.

**Thomas Wright** was arrested for a felony warrant out of Maricopa County Superior Court for One Count of Burglary, one count of Forgery, one count of Theft, one count of Taking Identity of another, one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and one count of Possession of Burglary Tools.

**Carmen King** was arrested for a felony warrant out of Pinal County Superior Court for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Theft of Means of Transportation.

**Marlee Sharp** was arrested for a felony warrant out of the Maricopa County Superior Court for Aggravated Assault.

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